

PAUL APPLAUDS PRESIDENT BUSH FOR RENOUNCING INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Washington, DC: Congressman Ron Paul yesterday celebrated the stunning decision by the Bush administration to renounce the International Criminal Court (ICC) treaty. Paul has been an outspoken critic of the ICC, which undermines both national sovereignty and the Constitution by subordinating our domestic laws and courts to an international tribunal. Paul's vocal opposition to the ICC generated hundreds of thousands of petitions to the White House, all urging President Bush to "unsign" the regrettable Clinton administration signature on the treaty. These efforts by Congressman Paul and millions of activists across the country were rewarded yesterday when the administration formally announced that the U.S. would not be a party to the ICC treaty.

"I am thrilled that the President took this brave action to protect our citizens, our soldiers, and our Constitution," Paul stated. "In the face of tremendous international pressure to surrender more and more of our national sovereignty to global bureaucrats, the Bush administration stood firm against this unconstitutional tribunal. Every American has a right to live under the Constitution as the supreme law of the land, with the Supreme Court serving as the undisputed tribunal of highest authority. No American should ever be tried by an international court without the protections guaranteed in the bill of rights."

Paul recently introduced legislation designed to protect American soldiers and citizens from the court by deeming attempted prosecutions of Americans as acts of aggression against the U.S. He now plans to draft a bill congratulating the President for his courage in renouncing the ICC.

In a strongly worded letter to UN boss Kofi Annan, the State department officially informed the world that "The United States does not intend to become a party to the (ICC) treaty... the United States has no legal obligations arising from its signature," marking the effective rescission of the Clinton signature. A release from Defense Secretary Rumsfeld states that "The United States will regard as illegitimate any attempt by the court or state parties to the treaty to assert the ICC's jurisdiction over American citizens."

"Constitutionally, America cannot be bound by any treaty not ratified by the Senate," Paul concluded. "The globalists, however, don't care about our Constitution. They will claim the ICC has jurisdiction over every U.S. citizen, even though America never ratified the treaty and the President expressly rejected it. This shows exactly how the globalists really feel about national sovereignty- they view it as an obstacle to their goals. This is why Congress must act to ensure the ICC never attempts to prosecute a U.S. citizen. The globalists will not rest in their efforts to use international bodies to control domestic U.S. policy."